

REMARKS

Prior to examination of this continuation application, Applicant cancels Claims 1-13, and provides new Claims 14 - 30 for consideration by the Examiner.

In the outstanding Final Office Action in the parent application, mailed May 18, 2004, Claims 6 - 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,075,798 to *Lyons et al.* (hereinafter "the *Lyons* reference"). Furthermore, Claims 9 -13 stand rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the *Lyons* reference.

Applicant respectfully submits that newly added Claims 14 - 30 are allowable over the *Lyons* reference since the *Lyons* reference does not teach or suggest a master device, which dynamically negotiates through use of extended bits, changes in the supported fields of a packet header utilized to communicate with at least one client device.


No new matter has been added; the new claims have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant believes is inventive.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims as they now stand are patentably distinct over the art cited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 20-0821 of Thompson & Knight LLP.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (214) 969-1749.

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